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**COUNCILMEMBER LICCARDO CALLS FOR CONSIDERATION OF
HOTEL/MOTEL CONVERSIONS**
Motels/Hotels may serve affordable housing and office space need

SAN JOSE, CALIF. – At tomorrow’s Rules and Open Government Committee at 2:00 p.m. Councilmember Liccardo will request that his proposal, “Motel & Hotel Conversions”, be considered at the Oct. 9th Special Meeting/Council Priority Setting Session. At that meeting, the City Council will review the status of priority policies and ordinances and discuss adding new ones for staff to work on.

Councilmember Liccardo’s proposal directs staff to determine whether and how the City should facilitate the conversion of hotels/motels to residential apartments and/or office space. Given widespread complaints about prostitution and related criminal activity in some downtown motels and an increase in demand for low-cost office space, it appears this is an opportune time to develop this potential resource. Please see the attached memo for more information.